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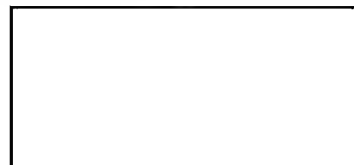
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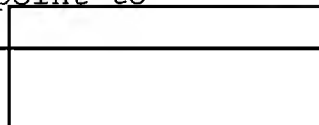


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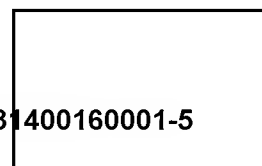
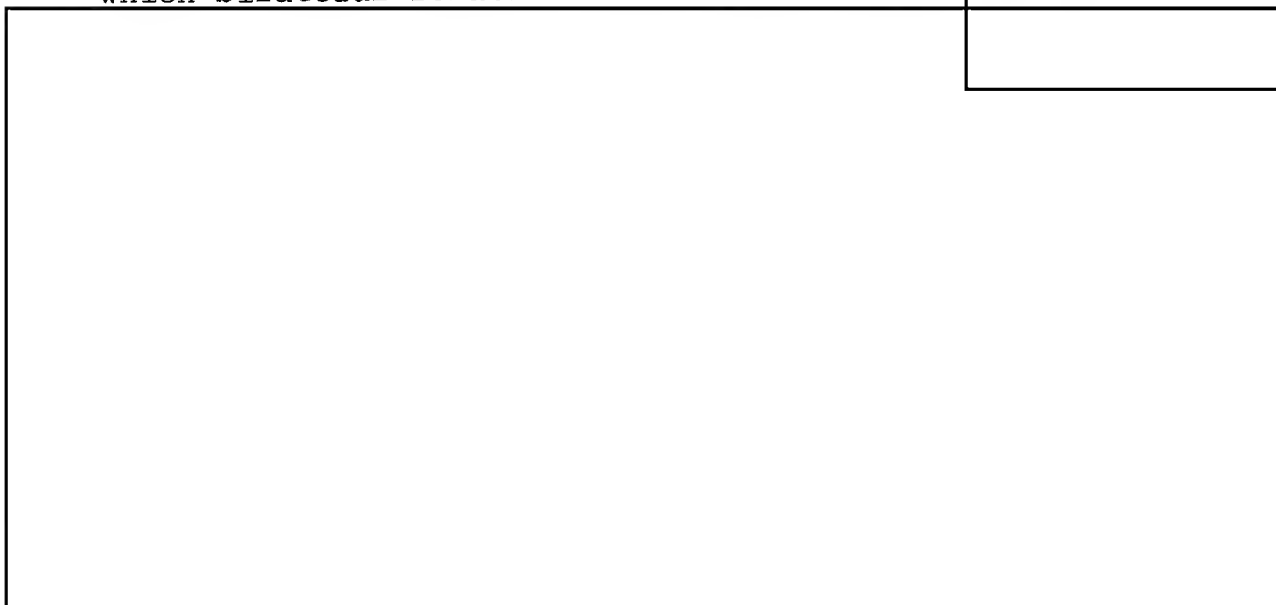
EGYPT - SAUDI ARABIA: Egyptian Gestures

Egyptian leaders, apparently feeling the pinch of Arab sanctions, have indicated privately their readiness to work toward improved relations with Saudi Arabia. President Sadat informed Ambassador Eilts on Tuesday that he had issued orders to stop all Egyptian media attacks on Saudi Arabia and that he is willing to dispatch an envoy to meet with a Saudi representative at a time and place of the Saudis' choosing. When informed of the Egyptian offer the following day, Crown Prince Fahd, then in Rome, responded in essence that an end to media attacks would be desirable but that a fundamental improvement in the relationship will depend on Sadat's achieving substantial progress toward obtaining Palestinian rights and resolving the Jerusalem problem. Fahd refused to agree even to an unpublicized meeting with an Egyptian emissary at this time, underscoring the low point to which bilateral relations have deteriorated.

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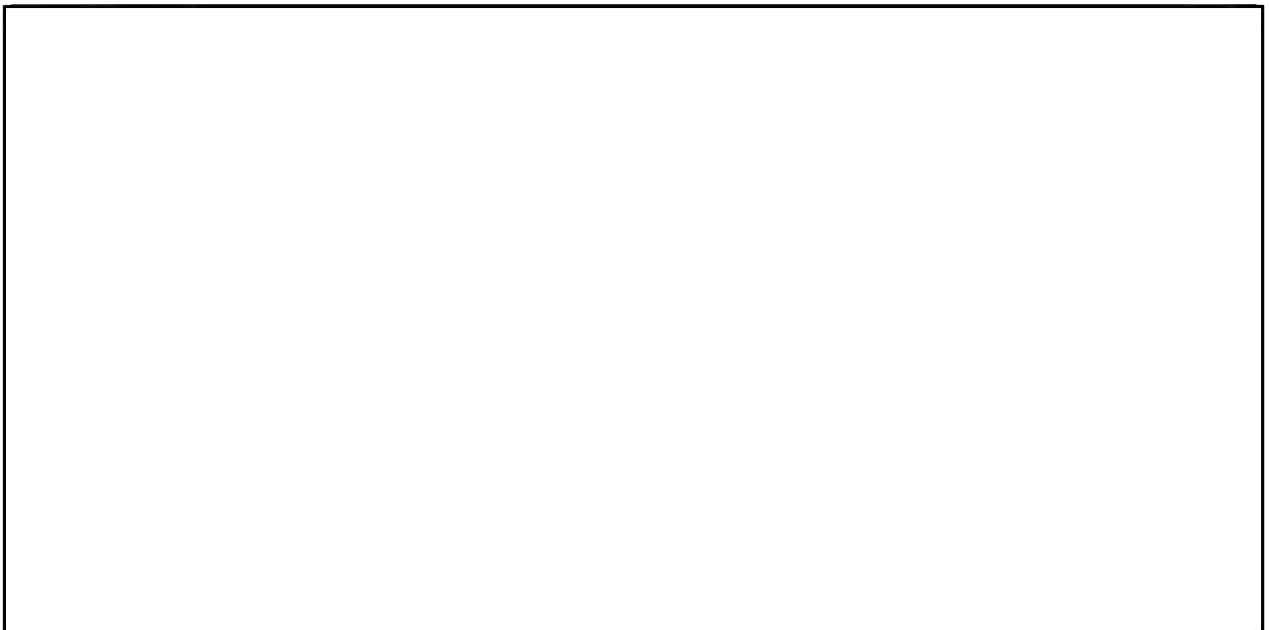


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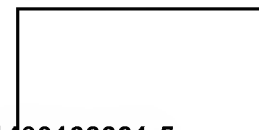
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#### USSR

A ranking Soviet official recently stated that the promotion of President Brezhnev's son, Yuriy Leonidovich Brezhnev, to be First Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade is an "embarrassment" to the Ministry, but that the younger Brezhnev might be named to succeed Nikolay Patolichev as Foreign Trade Minister if President Brezhnev remains in power. The Ministry owes its existence to the strong relationship between the elder Brezhnev and Patolichev, according to the official, and it probably would not survive after these two leave the scene. He added that many other ministers, such as those responsible for the automotive and chemical industries, would prefer to deal directly with foreign firms themselves.




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